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SUBJECT: SETTLEMENT EXPANSION WILL CONNECT WEST BANK  
SETTLEMENTS TO JERUSALEM

Classified By: Consul General Jake Walles, per reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

¶1. (C) Danny Seideman, founder of the Israeli human rights NGO Ir Amim told poloff March 27 that plans to expand the West Bank settlement of Adam, also known as Geve Binyamin, have been approved by the Higher Planning Council. He said the plan would expand the settlement of about 1500 people southeast of Ramallah and create a new ultra-Orthodox neighborhood of 1200 units to house approximately 5,000 people.

¶2. (C) Seideman said Adam is entirely in the West Bank, but because it abuts the separation barrier, the new units will be constructed on the western side of the barrier (but still within the West Bank) and will create contiguity between Adam and Neve Ya'acov, inside the expanded municipal boundaries of Jerusalem. He commented that creating contiguity in this way will further cement the GOI's hold on the Jerusalem periphery.

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